

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** Douglas J. Hilton, et al.

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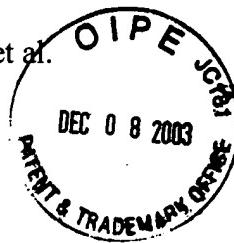
**For:** A NOVEL HAEMOPOIETIN RECEPTOR  
AND GENETIC SEQUENCES ENCODING SAME

**Examiner:** John D. Ulm

**Art Unit:** 1646

**Docket:** 11268A

**Date:** December 3, 2003



Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 6 to 11, 20, 23, 24 and 28, drawn to a recombinant leptin receptor, classified in class 530, subclass 350, for continued prosecution.

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